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Applicant: **Gary T. Roe et al**  
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For: **PORTABLE BEVERAGE HOLDER APPARATUS**  
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Applicant hereby claims priority based upon applicant's copending Provisional Application Serial No. 60/437,934, filed January 6, 2003.

Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 is sought by a verified statement filed with the application.

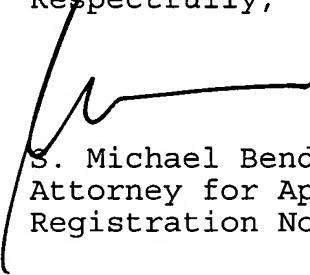
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